

# SECNAV Announces 2016 Energy & Water Management Award Winners

## Program Recognizes Efforts to Support the Mission Through Resource Efficiency

**THEN-SECRETARY OF THE** Navy (SECNAV) Ray Mabus announced the winners of the 2016 SECNAV Energy and Water Management awards with a high concentration of winners overall in Navy Region Southeast, and the most SECNAV-level winners across the country in Navy Region Southwest.

Announcing the awards via an All Navy message, the SECNAV wrote, “Energy is critical to the Department of the Navy’s (DON) ability to provide the global presence necessary to ensure stability, deter potential adversaries, and present options in times of crisis—wherever and whenever they might arise. That is why we are transforming our energy culture—to make us more effective, more agile, and better protected.”

“The efforts of the leadership and personnel at the winning commands included developing and implementing energy awareness and behavior change campaigns, deploying energy efficiency technologies, and adopting new operational procedures that optimized our energy use.”

### Background & Purpose of Awards

The DON’s Energy and Water Management awards program is designed to promote and reward excellence in the areas of energy efficiency, energy management, new technology, renewable energy, energy training innovation, and energy awareness. Each year, these awards are presented to those Navy and Marine Corps operational units, installations, and activities that have made notable progress toward DON’s goals to reduce energy and water consumption, increase use

of renewable energy sources, and construct sustainable facilities. The DON energy program evaluates and classifies the overall energy and water management performance of each installation, ranking them according to a system of SECNAV winner, platinum, gold or blue level of achievement. The 2016 awards recognize achievements made in fiscal year (FY) 2015.

For the 2016 awards, Secretary Mabus announced energy conservation awards for outstanding overall energy performance in each of the following 14 categories:



SECNAV Ray Mabus presents awards for outstanding energy project execution at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton, and Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego were each presented with SECNAV Energy and Water Management Awards to recognize those Marines, Sailors and civilian employees whose ingenuity and dedication led the way to achieving energy goals and helped change the way the Services think about and use power.

*Chief Petty Officer Sam Shavers*

## SECNAV AWARD WINNERS

The following commands won a 2016 SECNAV Energy and Water Management award:

No.	Category	Winner	Award
1.	Navy Shore Activity Large	NAS Whidbey Island	\$40,000
2.	Navy Shore Activity Small	NSA Souda Bay	\$25,000
3.	Marine Corps Shore Activity Large	MCB Camp Lejeune	\$40,000
4.	Marine Corps Shore Activity Small	MCLB Albany	\$25,000
5.	Supported Command Activity	Puget Sound Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility	\$30,000
6.	Surface Combatant (Medium/Large)	USS Nitze (DDG 94)	\$25,000
7.	Surface Combatant (Small)	USS Independence (LCS 12)	\$20,000
8.	Amphibious (Large)	USS Boxer (LHD 4)	\$15,000
9.	Amphibious (Small/Medium)	USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49)	\$15,000
10.	COMNAVAIRLANT Aviation Squadron	Patrol Squadron Five	\$25,000
11.	COMNAVAIRPAC Aviation Squadron	Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 116	\$25,000
12.	Navy Expeditionary	Underwater Construction Team Two (UCT-2)	\$25,000
13.	Marine Corps Expeditionary	2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade	\$25,000
14.	Military Sealift Command Ship	T-AO 187 USNS Henry J. Kaiser	—

1. Navy Shore Activity Large (equal to or greater than 300,000 million British Thermal Units (BTU) of energy consumption during the fiscal year)
2. Navy Shore Activity Small (less than 300,000 million BTU of energy consumption during the fiscal year)
3. Marine Corps Shore Activity Large (equal to or greater than 500,000 million BTU of energy consumption during the fiscal year)
4. Marine Corps Shore Activity Small (less than 500,000 million BTU of energy consumption during the fiscal year)
5. Supported Command Activity (Navy and Marine Corps tenant commands)
6. Surface Combatant (Medium/Large): DDG, CG
7. Surface Combatant (Small): MCM, PC, LCS
8. Amphibious (Large): LCC, LHA, LHD
9. Amphibious (Small/Medium): LPD, LSD
10. Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic (COMNAVAIRLANT) Aviation Squadron
11. Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMNAVAIRPAC) Aviation Squadron
12. Navy Expeditionary Unit
13. Marine Corps Expeditionary Unit
14. Military Sealift Command Ship



SECNAV award winners are authorized to display the SECNAV energy conservation award flag for a period of one year from the date of the award announcement and they will be recognized at a series of award ceremonies to be held over the course of the year.

Award winners and units or activities reaching platinum levels of achievement are authorized to receive cash awards and certificates of achievement. The annual amount and distribution of cash awards will be determined by Navy and Marine Corps energy management. Cash awards may be used at the discretion of the Commanding Officer to improve quality of life, encourage further energy improvements, or for other purposes subject to limitations on the use of operation and maintenance funds.

Navy, Marine Corps, and Military Sealift Command energy management staffs submitted their recommendations based on FY15 accomplishments to the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy in accordance with their respective awards criteria. A panel of experts reviewed the submissions and recommended award winners for SECNAV's review and endorsement. The panel evaluated all submissions to determine eligibility for a SECNAV, platinum, gold, or blue level of achievement.



USS Independence.  
MC1 Ace Rheume

## 2016 Award Winners

The 2016 winners for outstanding overall energy performance achievement in each of the above categories are as follows.

### Platinum Award Winners

The Platinum level of achievement indicates an outstanding energy or water program and an exceptional year for energy project execution. The following commands demonstrated platinum level of achievement and all received a \$5,000 award:

- NCBC Gulfport
- NS Everett
- NAVMAG Indian Island
- NSY BOS Portsmouth
- JEP Little Creek Fort Story
- Naval Base Kitsap
- Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Keyport
- MCB Camp Pendleton
- MCAS Miramar
- USS Benfold (DDG 65)
- USS Sentry (MCM 3)
- USS Kearsarge (LHD 3)
- USS Germantown (LSD 42)
- USNS Alan Shepard (T-AKE 3)

### Gold & Blue Award Winners

A gold level of achievement indicates a very good to outstanding energy or water program. The 55 commands that demonstrated a gold level of achievement will receive certificates of achievement. Twenty-four commands demonstrated blue level of achievement which indicates a well-rounded energy or water program. These commands will also receive certificates of achievement.

The efforts of the leadership and personnel at the winning commands included developing energy awareness campaigns, deploying energy efficiency technologies, and adopting new operational procedures that resulted in a consistent reduction in energy or water consumption.

Throughout the fall of 2016, Secretary Mabus visited regions in the continental United States to present commands and squadrons with their 2016 SECNAV Energy and Water Management awards, including:



USS Boxer.  
Photographer's Mate 2nd Class Jennifer Swader



- NAS Whidbey Island
- Puget Sound Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility
- Patrol Squadron Five
- USS Nitze (DDG 94)
- USS Boxer (LHD 4)
- USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49)
- USS Independence (LCS 2)

During his visits, Secretary Mabus emphasized that using energy efficiency is a combat capability enhancer, “Achieving these goals has made our Navy and Marine Corps stronger by reducing our dependence on fossil fuels and improving our energy security.”

“Bravo Zulu to all the winning commands who have served as the model for the rest of the Department of the Navy. I encourage all commanders to look to the accomplishments of our award winners and identify ways that your commands can use energy to its greatest effect,” Mabus continued.

“This kind of success doesn’t come overnight,” said Rear Adm. Rick Williamson, Navy Region Midwest commander. “It takes a well-planned, sustained, and well-executed effort to get results like this, and this level of effort is just what will help the Navy achieve Secretary Mabus’ energy goals.”



Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy) Joseph Bryan poses for a photo with Capt. Larry Getz, commanding officer the amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge and its crew. While onboard, Bryan presented Kearsarge with a platinum-level 2016 Energy and Water Management Award. *Seaman Dana D. Legg*



USS Harpers Ferry.  
*MC1 Douglas Bedford*

“It was an honor to receive the SECNAV energy award,” said Cmdr. Luke Greene, NAVSTA Mayport’s public works officer. “This was a reflection of a lot of people’s hard work, particularly our Installation Energy Manager Chris Vidal. It also indicated a cultural shift towards energy awareness and a focus on energy conservation.”

“Kearsarge maintained excellent records of fuel and water use and ensured that none was wasted by procedural violations or improper plant operation,” said ENS Matthew Korte, USS Kearsarge’s energy and water consumption representative. “We also drove the ship conservatively, operating at our most efficient bell for the circumstance.”

“As members of the Naval Construction Force, we recognize the large scale logistics required to keep a base running, whether as an established installation or in an expeditionary environment. Reducing our energy footprint allows us to put resources where they are needed most,” said Lt. Cmdr. Justin Spinks, commanding officer, Underwater Construction Team Two.

“Our ability to keep aircraft in the fight is directly tied to decisions we make every day that affect how much energy we use and how often we refuel. Every kilowatt hour we save makes us more resilient and more able to support the warfighter. The Navy’s shore energy approach has three pillars: energy efficiency, culture and behavior, and renewable energy and sustainability. Together, these focus areas will increase our nation’s energy security as well as enable the Navy to comply with federal mandates and meet the SECNAV energy goals,” said CAPT Howard Wanamaker, commanding officer, NAS Jacksonville. ⚓

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